

**South Carolina**

**Small Business Awards Luncheon - 2004**

**Held on May 25, 2004 at the Embassy Suites Hotel**  
200 Stoneridge Dr. Columbia, SC 29210  
(803) 252-8700

**Presented by:**

South Carolina Chamber of Commerce

**2004 Small Business Award Winners:**

**Small Business Person of the Year**

Mae W. Buzhardt – Mae's Distinctive Feminine Apparel

**Small Business Person of the Year Runner-up**

Marie H. Brax – Cheese & Wine Etc. LTD Heavenly Ham of Spartanburg

**Small Business Person of the Year Runner-up**

Gary Allen Washington - Carolina Procurement Institute, Inc.

**Entrepreneurial Success**

Patricia T. Owen – Faces DaySpa

**Minority Small Business Advocate**

Nancy K. Hilliard – Army Contracting Agency Southern Region

**Women in Business Advocate**

Doris B. Lockhart – AccuStaff, Inc.

**Small Business Journalists**

Michael A. Switzer - South Carolina Business Review, ETV Radio Network

**Top Lender Awards**

**Greatest Number of SBA 7(a) Guaranty Loans Approved**

Bank of America  
Business Development Corporation  
First Citizens Bank  
Capital One FBS

**Greatest Dollar Amount of SBA 7(a) Guaranty Loans Approved**

Business Development Corporation  
Temecula Valley Bank, N.A.  
CIT Small Business Lending

**Greatest Number & Dollar Amount of SBA 504 Loans Approved**

Certified Development Corporation  
Appalachian Development Corporation  
Small Business Assistance Corporation